

THE HUMMER

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Education is Company.

The Oxford Independent, a snappy and interesting paper edited by our good friend, T E Dunn, publishes the following from "Nasby," a country correspondent: "Floyd B Akers from Pinedale school is the guest of his parents and friends. We wish him much success in his struggle for an education. We have a number of boys who ought to take as much energy as he does, but instead of that some of our boys spend all their money for beads and dolls and other things along that line for their best girls, thinking that beats an education."

We never heard of young swains buying dolls for their sweethearts, but don't you think "Nasby" gives some mighty good advice? It is a fact, that money spent on frivolous things, useless gifts and "havin er time" would pay the school expenses of many thousands who really ought to be consistent students in colleges and universities. So we just EXIST with over half of the younger generation throwing away OPPORTUNITY as it daily stares them in the face. Compelling people to study looks hard but unless it is done in some form, some way, some how, some time soon, our country will be—well, NOBODY HOME. It does seem that in this great land of unlimited resources and attainments where EDUCATION is so free and easy, more people would PREPARE themselves for the UNKNOWN future. No man knows when he will have to fall back on his brain instead of his hands and feet.

Education is COMPANY. Some people are LONELY unless going some where or seeing something doing. Others can live and be happy with magazines, books and newspapers. The further you go in learning the further you want to go—or at least that should be the case with the young people. If education was hard to get some people would grumble that they HAD NO CHANCE. Lord, help us. NOW you can MAKE THE CHANCE. There are too many books and magazines idle in this county now and the owners ought to be glad to loan them to some determined boy or girl who really wants to get an education. Study at home and some day it will come back to you with a HELPING HAND. So make this one of your mottoes—BE READY—BE PREPARED. You know not what the morrow bringeth for when Opportunity knocks at the door of your noggin BE READY to hug him, kiss him, squeeze him, play with him, feed him, clothe him, confide in him and make him your life long FRIEND and benefactor.

And So On Until The End of Time

While reading the Hamilton County Register of Aurora, Nebraska, we found the following rather "speak up in meeting" paragraph:

"The marriage of Hattie Rogers to Adelbert Frye just a few short months ago has turned out disastrously. The young couple had serious differences and the wife decided she would like to return to her parents. Division was made of their property in an equitable way and she left for home, with the intention of final abandonment. Though the couple were young to get married, it was with the consent of the parents and all hoped the result would be a happy one, though if they must be separated it was perhaps fortunate that it came before family ties were increased. Mrs. Frye has gone to her people who live in Texas."

We have read some funny paragraphs, but the above almost caps the climax. Whoever wrote it certainly believed in telling it straight from the shoulder. Anyhow Frye was done and she was done with Frye. Possibly she thought he was just a "small Frye" in the pan of life so she cooked him quick. Both now are burnt on each other and either she fired him or he fired her. Then they raised a smoke and left for their single cussedness without even washing the dishes and straightening up. Wonder if he will ever again jump out of the frying pan into the fire or get in another "stew?" Boiled down they now have a bad taste in their mouth and young Frye will have to Frye, Frye, again.

Hit The Grit

It is a solid fact that IF we want to LIVE in the NEW YEAR we must WORK. We've got to get busy—got to bustle—got to rattle—got to hum—got to hit the grit! It's and and's and but's must creep back into the silence of 1915. The qualities of Fairness—Kindness—Get Busy—Smile—Push—Pull—Stickability and Go-at-it Must "rain" in 1916. It is the time that the minds of men and women must work out their salvation—for the resources are here and surely the year 1916 spells opportunity!

Snow cream! Gee, did you try it last Monday and Tues-

Strictly Germ Proof

Arthur Guiterman who writes the "Rhymed Reviews" for 'Life' is one of the best in U S when it comes to catchy, snappy rhyming fun. Here is one of his best clipped from Meridian Dispatch:

The antiseptic Baby and the Prophylactic Pup
Were playing in the garden when the Bunny gamboled up;
They looked upon the Creature with a loathing; unfeigned,
It wasn't Disinfected and it wasn't Sterilized.

They said it was a Microbe and a Hotbed of Disease;
They steamed it in a vapor of a thousand-odd degrees;
They froze it in the freezer that was cold as Banished Hope
And washed it in permanganate with carbolated soap.

In sulfureted hydrogen they steeped its wiggly ears;
They trimmed its frizzy whiskers with a pair of hard-boiled shears;

They donned their rubber mittens and they took it by the hand

And lected it a member of the Fumigated Band.

There's not a Micrococcus in the garden where they play;
They bathe in pure iodoform a dozen times a day;
And each imbibes his rations from a Hygienic Cup,
The Bunny and the Baby and the Prophylactic Pup.

Get Out of the Rut

Why is it that so many people follow in the other fellow's ruts? Why is it that some people believe absolutely in "precedent?"

Unless a man puts a good bit of originality into his work he will not put many goodly dollars in his pocket. To do as others do sometimes is to do nothing. But to DO as YOU DO with original ideas and actions coming from your energetic aystem with a humming vim and hustling vigor—that's the go-gettumm-come-fetcum of SUCCESS. BE ORIGINAL OR BUST! Knock imitation and precedent into the demotion boo-hoos. The man who does duties "different" is the man who WINS. Yesterday will not fit the present nor the present tomorrow. Let's blast that old rocky road of imitation into the radiant rhythm of success. Tomorrow is coming but Now is Right Here!

The Psalm of the Dollar

In November 1914 we wrote the following parody and reprint it to fill this space:

The dollar is my shepherd; O I want it bad!

It maketh me to lie-down in my heart; it leadeth me beside distilled waters.

It restoreth unto me gold; it leadeth me into the wrath of the gory for its own sake.

Yea, thought I get in divers troubles, I will fear no DEVIL; for thou art with me; thy god and thy graft they comfort me.

Thou preparest tables before me in the absence of my enemies; thou appointeth my friends to office; my faults are under cover.

Surely the eagle and the lady shall follow me all the days of my life and I will live in the house of dollars forever and forever.

(Apologies accepted.)

Gasoline.

Here is a funny prose poem written by Walt Mason of the Emporia Kansas Gazette. He writes one these every day and sometimes a dozen or more. So far he has written over 5,000 and has made a fortune out of them by selling to newspapers and magazines. Over 5,000 papers print one every day and every paper in the United States, it is said, has printed one or more of them. Read it, for it is a local activity:

"I used to pay the grocer's bill whenever it was due, and in the butcher's yawning till, the coin I promptly threw. But now in vain they plead and moan, to get my good long green! for every dollar that I own, I need for gasoline. My children-used to wear good clothes, they held their heads up high; no leaky shoes exposed their toes, no rents could you descry. But now they are images of woe, they're blots upon the scene; for every coin that I get must go to buy some gasoline. I used to often blow a plunk at charity's behest, to give some wanderer a bunk, wherein his bones might rest. To furnish breakfast for some bo, road weary, starved and lean, but now all my dollars must go to purchase gasoline. I used to talk of books and art, and topics safe and sane; but since I bought that choo-choo cart, I've "motors" on the brain. I cannot ever spare a dime to buy a magazine; it keeps me hustling all the time to buy my gasoline."

Wise Woodrow Wilson wafts wondrous wisdom over the wordly weal with the wizardry of winged words. We want wonderful Woodrow without wretched, wrecking woe! Wilson will win with worthy work. Well Wishes, Winner Woodrow!

It does a bad man lots of good to praise him. Really he may be a diamond in the rut and needs just your pat to pull him out. Many good men Now were Once Not So Good!

Again, a town is known by the roads it keeps.

In the good old summertime!

"Tellin it Skeary"

Go up and down the towns of anywhere and you will always find a knocker with a "so tale" to tell about "hard times." If a booster feels the desire to kick something let him get in behind the man who carries around the tale of hard times. Thank the Lord, NOT everybody is trying to "low-rate" our existing conditions. There are yet some cheerful folks who BELIEVE in the coming prosperity of our country. They are the ones who will profit from the jump.

Enough energy has been wasted in Mississippi talking about Hard Times to clean off every ditch bank, terrace the lands, cut wood for the winter and tidy up every home. Most of the discussion was and is done around stoves and fireplaces and many times the stoves and fireplaces, nor even the fuel, does not belong to the discussers. Their passwords seem to be "It's hell naow and it's goanter be wusser."

We can't always have "pie" and it seems that all of us should be THANKFUL that our airship are NOT dropping death on our heads and that big siege guns are not wrecking our homes. If anybody has a right to "tell it skeary" it is the people in the war nations and NOT the people in Mississippi.

People find scary things when they LOOK for them—PLEASE, PLEASE let's look the other way!

Two Good Editorials

From the well edited Woodville Republican, published in Wilkinson county, the corner county of southwest Mississippi, we take with humble thanks and appreciation the following timely editorials:

A gentleman who was visiting our town last week remarked to the writer that he was so much impressed by seeing a negro farmer buy a full set of new plow-gears, that he asked why such an unusual purchase had been made at this time of the year, and received the following reply: "Boss, they tell me that if we want to make a crop next year that we must git to work now and keep at it." If more of the whites as well as the negroes would take this bit of philosophy to themselves and apply it consistently they would find themselves well rewarded at crop gathering time.

The time has long since passed when the farmers of this section, who expect to succeed, content to follow the old-time practice of throwing away two or three months during the winter beginning before the preparation of the lands for another crop. Instead they have as a rule adopted the more advanced method which include fall and winter plowing; and the planting of crops for winter grazing. In addition to this, those who are raising cattle have had their eyes opened to the fact that in order to succeed in this industry, forage crops must be raised to assist in carrying the cattle through the winter. Incidentally few losses are now reported during the winter. All of these enterprising movements speak well for the future of the county and success for us must inevitably follow.

WHEN YOU BUY YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GETTING.

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